

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1861



Department of Public Works

Sydney, 20th December, 1861.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.—Tenders are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars see Government Gazette, a file of which is kept at every police office in the colony.

No tender will be taken into consideration unless the name of the work for which it is intended be written on the cover.

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Execution of Telegraph and Post Office, Madge.	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 24th December.
Construction of a Landing Place, &c., for the Powder Magazine, Goat Island.	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 24th December.
Execution of a Toll House on the Glade Island Bridge.	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 31st December.
Construction of a Tramway over Paddy's River Bridge.	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1862.
Execution of certain alterations to the Court House, at Yass.	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1862.
Supply of Building Stone at Darlinghurst Gaol, during the year 1862	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 14th January.
Execution of Court Houses and alterations for Watch Houses, Murrundindi.	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 14th January.

W. M. ARNOLD.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 20th December, 1861.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.—Conveyance of the required for the Post Office from and to the undermentioned places "for one or three years," from the 1st January, 1862, persons disposed to contract for providing the services are invited to transmit their offers in writing to the Postmaster General, before 12 o'clock on FRIDAY, 27th December instant, endorsed, "Tender for conveyance of Mails."

SOUTHERN ROAD.

To and from Brisbane, Adare, Mullendore, and Moruya, via Rylstone, twice weekly.

The conditions will be those as those published in the notice of the 14th September last, and tenders will not be considered unless in accordance therewith.

E. C. WEEKES.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—C. and J. ABRAHAM beg respectfully to intimate that he has RE-OPENED his business of tailoring, and is in a position to accommodate the ladies and gentlemen who may require custom in a manner far superior in every way to that which under the former arrangements it was possible to do. They are hats, bonnets, and cold ready without any notice to have them made, and the necessity for any personal assistance, as well as every other article of apparel. The culinary arrangements are complete, and none excepting good servants will be kept. There is a splendid billiard-room, and good stabling attached to the premises.

WILLIAM H. EVANS will only add that he was for a long time connected with this establishment, and that no exertion on his part shall be wanting to secure the patronage of the public.

Cutter's Hall, near the Post Office.

THE PORT PHILLIP CLUB HOTEL.—The extensive additions and alterations to the above establishment being now completed, WILLIAM H. EVANS begs respectfully to intimate that he has RE-OPENED his business of tailoring, and is in a position to accommodate the ladies and gentlemen who may require custom in a manner far superior in every way to that which under the former arrangements it was possible to do. They are hats, bonnets, and cold ready without any notice to have them made, and the necessity for any personal assistance, as well as every other article of apparel. The culinary arrangements are complete, and none excepting good servants will be kept. There is a splendid billiard-room, and good stabling attached to the premises.

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Flinders-street, Melbourne, December 4th, 1861.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—C. and J. ABRAHAM beg to caution the public against the unprincipled attempts of parties advertising selling off and annual clearing out sales.

At present there are no sales in this colony of pounds of twelve years, without in any way delude the public with any false statements.

The well known fact of the actual necessity of clearing out, as the whole of the building occupied by Messrs. Ashdown and C. and J. A. must undergo pulling down and rebuilding at or before the ensuing year.

77 and 78, King-street.

R. R. MACKENZIE.

A USTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY, BRANCH. (Extracted from Tables.)

TABLE C.—Annual Premiums, payable up to the ages of 50, 65, 60, or 70 years respectively, to secure Annuities of £10 per annum, commencing at such ages, and payable during the rest of life thereafter.

PREMIA FOR ANNUITY TO COMMENCE AT AGE.

AGE AT ENTRANCE	50.	55.	60.	65.	70.
20	5. 6.	6. 1.	6. 11.	6. 19.	6. 26.
25	4. 14.	5. 2.	5. 15.	5. 3.	5. 10.
30	3. 12.	4. 6.	4. 10.	4.	4. 2.
35	2. 10.	2. 8.	2. 6.	2. 4.	2. 2.

N.B.—The premiums paid are refunded in the event of the previous death of the member.

Examples of Bonus Additions to Annuities:

Age at entrance, 32 years; annuity, £20; duration of 10 years.

Annuity commencing at age 50, additional annuity, 29. 1. 10.

" " 60. " 5. 2. 10.

Age at entrance, 45 years; annuity, £24 (commencing at 50) duration of 5 years; additional annuity, 4. 20. 15.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

SYBIL COTTAGE,
NEWTON.

A comfortable VILLA RESIDENCE, with Grounds, situated on an elevated portion of the Marsden Estate, a few minutes walk from the Newtown Railway Station.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from Lieutenant Seddick, M.A., to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, 23rd December, at 11 o'clock.

HARRINGTON-STREET, MARSDEN, ILLAWARRA.—A piece of land having a frontage of 124 feet to the road, Pitt-street, leading to Liverpool-street, which it has a frontage of 124 feet, on which is erected a remarkably neat residence, known as SYBIL COTTAGE, built of brick on stone foundations, with slate roof, containing extensive verandahs back and front, and kitchen-patios, with a well, 3 miles of water, shed, and a large yard of garden ground at the rear.

Sybil Cottage is a well-known recently-erected suburban residence, lately occupied by Captain Corkehill. It was built by the present proprietor, Mr. Seddick, and is in excellent condition, and no expense spared in furnishing and fitting it up with every family convenience.

The position is, "at the best in Newtown, close to the railway station and 'umbus stand, and being very elevated, commands a fine panoramic view of the surrounding country, extending on one side to Botany Bay and the ocean."

The area of the ground surrounding the cottage is sufficient for garden purposes and a small paddock.

Terms, £100.

ONCLIFFE HOUSE AND GROUNDS, SOUTH HEAD.

By order of the Mortgagors.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from the mortgagee, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, 23rd December, at 11 o'clock.

All that part of land, containing by measurement one acre, situate near the Flagstaff, at South Head, bounded on the south by a line of 3 chains 34 links, to the west by a line of 3 chains 34 links, to the east by a road, leading to Waterman's Bay, and on the east by that road 3 chains to point of commencement, on which is erected that beautifully situated marine villa,

ONCLIFFE HOUSE,

containing wide verandahs, entrance hall, lobby, and five good rooms, with kitchen, scullery, &c., on the ground floor, and 4 bedrooms on the upper floor.

This is a little beyond Mr. Loftwick's Lightfoot Hotel, on the main road. The position is elevated, and commands extensive views of the city and the Harbour, extending to the ocean.

Parties in search of a suburban residence in this favourite, healthy locality, are particularly invited to inspect Oncliffie House, prior to its sale, as it will be publicly disposed of on the above date, on terms of £100 per annum.

Full particulars of title can be ascertained on application to M. C. Stephen, Esq., solicitor, George-street.

Terms at sale.

PEREMPTORY SALE.

ESTATE OF ADDERTON.

Containing about 100 ACRES, on the KISSING POINT ROAD, about one mile and a half from the PARRAMATTA RAILWAY STATION, 50 acres of which are under cultivation, comprising extensive orchard and vineyard, and a number of highly productive vegetable gardens, together with a number of conveniently situated commodious family residences.

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Black and gold hats
Dress trimmings
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Roses, rosettes

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Fancy embroidery
Fancy embroidered I.R. braces
Fancy check velvet trimmings
Tabularies, assorted

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Gimp, fringes, &c.
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To Grocers, Storkeepers, Coffee Roasters, and others.

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EXTENSIVE SALE.

SUBURBAN AND COUNTRY FREEHOLDs, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock for half-past 11 o'clock prompt.

NEWTON.—SYBIL COTTAGE, and grounds, lately occupied by Captain Corkehill, and two small cottages in Egmont-street, O'Connell Town, opposite Mr. Newman's residence.

BALMAIN.—Waterside Site, upwards of a quarter of an acre, Johnstone's Bay, near Crows' Point, Pitt-street, with a depth of 100 feet, and a frontage of 124 feet, on which is erected a remarkably neat residence, known as SYBIL COTTAGE, built of brick on stone foundations, with slate roof, containing extensive verandahs back and front, and kitchen-patios, with a well, 3 miles of water, shed, and a large yard of garden ground at the rear.

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LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor of the Herald.
Sir.—My attention has just been drawn to the copy of a letter in your paper, dated 12th December, containing remarks respecting lightning conductors, and, as I am a man interested in the safety of life and property, I take this liberty of forwarding to you a few lines which may afford some little information to your correspondent, promising, however, that all the facts will be communicated with the greatest care and exactness, so as to investigate the nature and phenomena of the electric fluid with the laws by which it is governed, some of my opinions on that subject may now, after the lapse of several years, appear somewhat antiquated; but at the same time a question or two, relative with your correspondent's notes to me still be found orthodox.

Now, as to the reason why a lightning-rod should terminate in a point, the brief space of this letter will admit of no other explanation than that afforded by a relation of experiment, with the side of the machine which exhibits the electric fluid by means of a sharp edge. When a cylinder or plate electric machine is excited, and the *points* conductor charged, if a rod terminated by a brass ball be held in the hand above the prime conductor, the electric fluid will be drawn from the ball, and the sharp point of the rod will be near to it, and then it passes in the form of a large spark, accompanied by a report; but, if on the contrary, the ball be removed, and the rod be held to a point, and held at a considerable distance from the machine, the electric fluid will be drawn more slowly and steadily, and the sharp point of the rod will not discharge the passage effected.

This will sufficiently explain, therefore, why the lightning-conductor attached to a building should terminate in a point;—in order that the electric fluid may be drawn to the point of extremity of the rod, in preference to the sharp edges, other parts of projection of the rod about the roof or other elevated parts of the building—the head of a nail or a galvanized-iron gutter, for instance; and when your correspondent informs us that the extremity of the rod is not sharper than a stone, and the safety of such a point is not guaranteed, with the explanation just offered, must depend on the relative attractive powers—if I may so express myself—of the point of the rod in question, and other metal prominences about the roof of his building.

The question of whether a lightning-stroke is presumed to be true—Positive electricity being defined to be superabundance or overcharge of the electric fluid in any body—and negative ditto, a deficiency of its natural or latent share—then, for instance, if a cloud charged with positive electricity passes over and near any portion of the earth's surface, it will immediately below, being on a negative state, to restore the equilibrium, the superabundance passes from the cloud to the earth in the form of a lightning stroke—nearer attracting objects being the first to receive the charge, and the metals the best conductors. If a long rod of metal be elevated, with the lower extremity beneath the surface, and the upper one sharpened to a point—as shown by the experiments detailed above—in the surplus charge of the cloud is drawn to the ground.

Water is a good conductor of electricity, and, as your correspondent truly observes, the lower end of the rod should be inserted in moist ground rather than dry sand or other non-conducting strata. Should the rod be so conducted that the earth and the connection might be considered perfect, the electric fluid would find its way to the earth; in which case, I apprehend, there would be little or no necessity for insulators.

If, however, the connection should be imperfect, by the rod terminating in a non-conducting medium, the use of insulators would be necessary, the insulation, as in such a case, and without their use, the rod, in event of a sudden and heavy charge of lightning taking the rod, it would have to depend chiefly on the conducting capacity of the surface-strata alone to afford a passage, and should the rod be dry, the probability is that the fluid would rush from the wires to the earth, passing along its course.

Therefore, I submit that the absolute necessity for the use of insulators in the erection of a rod must depend on the existence of circumstances indicated.

With regard to occupying your space by theory or explanation, the following may be considered fundamental rules to be observed in the erection of lightning conductors, viz.—

1. The rod must not be too small—an inch quite little enough.
2. The point must be sufficiently fine to offer an attraction to the lightning in preference to any other elevated conducting object in the neighbourhood.

3. The connection with the moist body of the earth must be perfect.

4. The use of insulators, though not imperative, might still further ensure safety.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
W. T. H.
Major's Creek, Braidwood, 17th December.

ACCLIMATISATION PASTORAL COMPANY.

To the Editor of the Herald.
Sir.—Having observed in your issue of to-day, that a meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, for the purpose of endeavouring to introduce some of the Chinese into the colony; but, from the very meagre statement, nothing definite can be gathered, and it appears postponed to a future day. I was not made aware that such a meeting was to take place, although I believe it was advertised in both the daily journals.

It is, I think, nearly two years since my attention was drawn to the subject of introducing the Chinese into the colony, and I have since made many inquiries, and have been represented in respect of the above company.

At that time I mentioned the circumstance to many of my Sydney friends, who being men of education and sound reasoning, I imagined would at once have concurred in my views. But, as far as I could learn, they declined to ear in the importance of the "business article" extended itself to the introduction of their sheep.

I have now been in this colony for twenty-seven years, and have watched the rise and fall of the tide of mercantile prosperity, and, during that time, have made many observations on personal observation. Look to years gone by, and let us think what would Sydney and the colony at large have been, had for the forefront, perseverance, and unceasing industry of such names as Macarthur, Marsden, and others.

To one we find that we our present position for the propagation of our merino sheep, which are now counted by millions; and to others for the improvement of our cattle.

I therefore consider now, that the time has arrived when we should endeavour to import a class of sheep which is only adapted to the colder parts of the colony, and which would not in the slightest degree interfere with our fine-wooled sheep.

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